

Memorandum



Date: March 6, 2007

To: Honorable Chairperson Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(1)(C)

From: George W. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION


It is recommended that the Board ratify the County Manager's action in applying for approximately \$200,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida and further authorize the County Manager or his designee to receive, expend funds and to execute amendments as required. County matching funds are not required.

BACKGROUND

The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, and its co-applicant, the Florida Department of Children and Families, seek to expand the efficiency and scope of community-based services for individuals served by the Court's Criminal Mental Health Project (CMHP). The CMHP serves individuals with serious mental illnesses who become involved or are at-risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system. This is accomplished through cooperative linkages established among the judiciary, defense and prosecuting attorneys, local law enforcement agencies, community service providers, and other community representatives.

The goal of this project is to expand the CMHP's capacity to serve additional individuals with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system and divert individuals with mental illnesses from the criminal justice system to community-based treatment. Through the use of assertive techniques, and guided by evidence based practices, the program will assist participants with community re-entry and engagement of continuing care services, ensure that participants have adequate access to treatment, and support services that promote recovery and lead to improved functioning in the community. Funding will enable the courts to coordinate and monitor services provided by supporting additional administrative and case management oversight of individuals targeted for diversion from prosecution because of untreated serious mental illnesses and better track individuals on conditional releases.

The County is applying on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. Resolution number R-79-03 approved the designation of the County as the fiscal agent for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida in connection with certain grants provided to the Circuit. An in-kind match, totaling \$50,400, has been pledged for the program by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. The award period for this grant is 24 months. The short turnaround time imposed by the application deadline did not allow sufficient time for approval by the Board prior to the submission of the application.


Susanne M. Torriente
Chief of Staff/Assistant County Manager

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 6, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(1)(C)

Please note any items checked.

_____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

_____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

_____ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No.8(L)(1(C))
3-6-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FUNDS FOR JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM GRANT INITIATIVE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED IF AWARDED

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approve the County Manager's action in applying for United State Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant funds in the approximate amount of \$200,000, as applicant, on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, and co-applicant, Florida Department of Children and Families, and authorizes the County Manager to receive and expend grant funds; and authorizes the County Mayor or his designee execute such contracts and agreements as required by grant guidelines or to further the purposes described in the funding request; following approval by the County Attorney's Office; to expend any and all monies received for the purposes described in the funding request; to apply for, receive and expend subsequent funds that might become

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available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any necessary amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:


Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of March, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.